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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF RESETTLEMENT & EMPLOYMENT
Ministry of Labour.

No REM- 130 New Delhi, the 28th Sep.48.

From Rao Bahadur Bindra Ban,
Deputy Secretary to the Government of India,
Ministry of Labour, New Delhi.

To
1. The Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, Bombay, Bengal, U.P., C.P. & Berar & Orissa.
2. The Chief Minister, Rampur State, Rampur.
3. The Prime Minister, Rajastan Union, Udaipur.
4. The Adminstrator, Matsya Union, Alwar.
5. The Chief Secretary to the Government of Jaipur & Cochin.
6. The Minister for External Affairs, Government of Bhopal, Bhopal.
7. The Chief Commissioner of Coorg, Mercara.

Sub: Land Colonization Schemes for Refugees Service and Ex-servicemen.

Sir,

I am directed to draw your attention to the fact that a large number of Service and Ex-Service refugees from Western and Eastern Pakistan are still to be rehabilated, The problem is considered most urgent by the Government of India.

2. At the first meeting of the Inter-Services Relief and Rehabilitation Sub-Committee held on the 29th June, 1948 it was decided that an attempt should be made to divert, if possible, some of the Service or Ex-service refugees to Land Colonization Schemes in operation or under consideration by the Provinces and States. It is accordingly requested that recruitment for all Land Colonization Schemes may be examined to see whether it will be possible to accept, as candidates, a certain number of Service and ex_service refugees, particularly when it has been found that the number of locally eligible candidates are insufficient for the land which is to be put under cultivation.

3. It will be appreciated, therefore, if information can be forwarded immediately to this Directorate General showing the acreage of land available for resettlement in your Province/ State for which there is no demand from ex-Servicemen in the Province/State, and which can be reserved for Ex-service or service refugees.

Yours faithfully.

(Bindra Ban)

Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.

Copies to the Regional Directors of Resettlement & Employment, Madras, Bombay, Bengal, U.P., Bihar & Orissa, C.P. & Berar. and Delhi.

Sd.
For Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.

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Development (P & D I)Dept.

Letter No. 101875 R/48-6 / 48--- dated 11-11-1948.

To

The Secretary to the Government of India,
Ministry of Labour,
(Directorat General of Resettlement and Employment)
NEW DELHI.

Sir,

Sub: Refugees- Resettlement in Land Colonisation Schemes- Facilities.
Ref: From the Government of India, Ministry of Labour Rem. 130 , dated 18-9-1948.

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I am directed to invite reference to the letter cited and to state that the Government of Madras have examined the suggestion of the Government of India to settle service and ex-service refugees from Pakistan in the existing land colonies for ex-servicemen and are satisfied that there are no lands selected as suitable for settling ex-servicemen from this Province for which there is no demand from such ex-servicemen.

2. I am however to add that an extent of 31098 acres is available for colonisation in the Wynaad Colonisation Scheme in the villages of Kidanganad, Nulpuzha, Muppainad, and Nenmini in Wynaad Taluk, Malabar District. Of this, about 4000 acres have so far been allotted to 845 colonists drawn from both the exservicemen and the existing pattadars and sivaijamadars in the area including members of the aboriginal hill traibes. The Government of Madras have so far incurred an expenditure of about Rs.24 lakhs on antimalarial operations provision of medical facilities, opening of an Agricultural farm, opening up of communications and settlement of colonists etc. and further heavy expenditure will be necessary to complete the scheme. This Government recently examined the question of the future policy to be adopted in regard to the scheme and have decided owing to the heavy expenditure involved that no further colonists should be admitted for the present. An area of about 27,000 acres is therefore available for colonisa tion by service and ex-service refugees from Pakistan provided the Government of India are prepared to bear the entire cost of settling them in additon to the expenditre now borne by them in respect of this Scheme. The approximate cost of settling refugees on 27,000 acres availabe in the Wynaad Colonisation area on the basis of the concessions granted to the existing colonists there (excluding the overhead charges of the scheme such as cost of Government staff communcations etc.) will be Rs.66-75 or 67 lakhs as detailed in the annexture.

3. It the refugees (service and ex-servicemen) from Eastern and Western Pakistan are disposed to settle on the lands of the kind avialble in this Province and the Government of India are prepared to meet the entire expenditure involved as stated above, this Government have no objection to allow R.D.R. & E to work out the scheme on behalf of the Government of India for the rehabilation of refugees.

Yours faithfully,

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Copy to Development. (P&D.I) Dept

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ANNEXURE.

At present, each colonist, in the Wynaad Colonisation Scheme, is granted 2 acres wet and 5 acres of dry of 10 acres of dry land (or 8½ or 9 acres on an average) and the following advances for reclaiming and cultivating the lands.

Advance for Land Reclamation	Rs. 100 per acre.
Advance for construction of temporary huts.	Rs. 250 per colonist.
Advance for Agricultural operations	Rs. 500 per colonist.
Advance for domestic expenditure.	Rs. 100 per colonist per year for 5 years.
Advance for construction of wells.	Rs. 50 per colonist.
Advance for construction of latrines.	Rs. 25 per colonist.

If the same rates are adopted in the case of Pakistan Refugees also, about 300 refugee families can be settled on 27,000 acred available. Each refugee colonist will have to be given an advance of Rs.2,225/- as detailed below:

Advance for Land Reclamation (for 9 acres on an average)	Rs.990
Advance for construction of temporary huts.	Rs.250
Advance for Agricultural operations.	Rs.500
Advance for domestic expenditure.	Rs.500
Advance for construction of wells.	Rs. 50
Advance for construction of latrines.	Rs. 25
Total...	2225

For 3000 refugee colonists, the total amount of advances required will be Rs. 2225 x 3000 = 6675,000 or 67 lakhs.

(This does not include overhead charges of the scheme such as pay and allowances of Government staff, antimalarial operations, medical relief, communications etc.).

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NOTE FILE:

The letter to the Government of India has been issued. No further action is called for in this file. The papers may be recorded in a Ms. G.O. for future reference.

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for Superintendent,
Madras Record Office.